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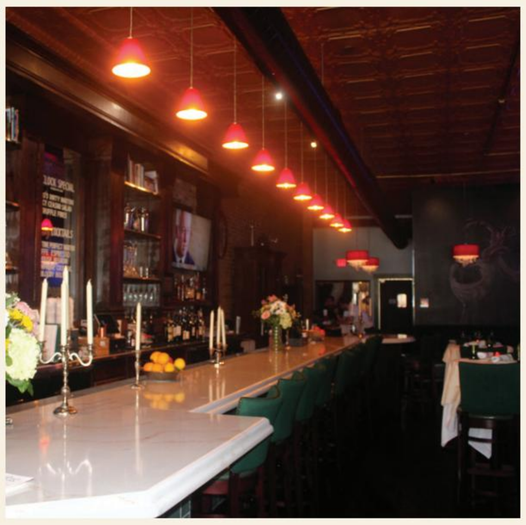

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Families pick out school supplies in the Public Safety Building

Berrien County Sheriff Chuck Heit mans the grill

Children stand in line to dunk a firefighter

Public safety, school supplies on display at Public Safety Day

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Safety and school supplies were both promoted during New Buffalo Township's annual public safety day, which was held at the public safety building on U.S. Highway 12 Sunday, Aug. 3.

The annual event is held by the New Buffalo Township Fire Department. Members of Medic One, the New Buffalo Township Fire Department, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office (which brought its mobile command center for emergencies and disasters), Medic 1 Ambulance, Michigan State Police and Corewell Health were on hand to give tours of their vehicles and to display their equipment.

Children could work off their energy in two bounce houses, try their hand at dunking a member of the township's fire department and enjoy a free hot dog lunch.

Inside the building, children could gear up for a new school year by choosing from a wide selection of free school supplies.

The Pokagon Fund funded the school supplies.

Families pick out school supplies in the Public Safety Building

Cole Proshwitz sprays the target with a hose while Noah Sharum looks on

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— Dino N. Fatouros

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Berrien County Health Department recognizes Overdose Awareness Month, offers free Narcan training for fifth year

The Berrien County Health Department is marking National Overdose Awareness Month by hosting drive-thru Narcan training events Aug. 27-28.

The trainings are intended to educate community members about overdose prevention through the administration of Narcan as well as recognize individuals who have died from an overdose and support their loved ones. This is the fifth year in a row BCHD has hosted these drive-thru trainings for community members.

The sessions will be held 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. on:

- Wednesday, Aug. 27 at BCHD's Benton Harbor office, 2149 E. Napier Ave.
- Thursday, Aug. 28 at BCHD's Niles office, 1205 N. Front St.

"Community preparedness is essential in reducing overdoses, and we're committed to providing residents with the knowledge and tools they need to save lives," BCHD Public Health Promotion and Prevention Supervisor Lisa Peeples-Hurst said. "By working together, we can make a meaningful difference in the fight against the opioid crisis."

Registration is required for the free training, which takes only 15 minutes to complete. Individuals must be 18 or older to participate.

To register for a Narcan training session, call 269-927-5622.

Each training participant will receive a free rescue kit that includes Narcan, a simple nasal spray designed to rapidly reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

"Empowering individuals to respond in a situation where someone is overdosing can save a life and foster a safer environment for everyone," BCHD Narcan trainer and Prevention Specialist Shannon Larry-Burton said. "This training provides practical skills that anyone can use to help in an emergency."

Overdose symptoms may include:

- Small, constricted pinpoint pupils
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness
- Slow, weak or no breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Limp body
- Cold, clammy or discolored skin

If you think someone is overdosing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend these five steps:

- Administer Narcan or its generic equivalent, naloxone.
- Call 911 immediately after administering Narcan.
- Try to keep the person awake and breathing.
- Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.
- Stay with the person until emergency assistance arrives.

"We encourage community members to learn the signs of overdose and take action," said BCHD Narcan trainer and Prevention Specialist Callie Graham, who also serves as chairperson for the drive-thru training events. "Each Narcan training we provide is a step toward a better-informed and safer community."

BCHD also offers free Narcan training year-round. For more information, visit bchdmi.org or call 269-927-5622.

Additionally, BCHD, in partnership with Berrien County Trial Court, offers a free Narcan vending machine at the South County Building, 1205 N. Front St., in Niles during normal business hours.

BCHD also has a list of free Narcan distribution sites throughout Berrien County on its website.

Michigan is one of many states that will not prosecute anyone who alerts first responders to a potential overdose. Always call 911 if you believe someone has overdosed.

For more information on preventing overdoses, visit the CDC's website. —

STAFF REPORTS

We cannot control the evil tongues of others,; but a good life enables us to disregard them.
— Cato the Elder

Chikaming Open Lands acquires Chapman Family Preserve

Chikaming Open Lands (COL) has acquired a 31.3-acre tract of forest, wetland and former agricultural land off Bacon School Road that's immediately adjacent to Royalton Nature Trail, which will be designated as Chapman Family Nature Preserve.

According to a COL press release, COL will be "permanently protecting this extremely desirable open space in its natural state."

Features that make this property special include:

Beautiful, forested ravines with towering beech, maple and oak trees located along the St. Joseph River.

A former agricultural field and vineyard, which COL will restore to a natural habitat in the future.

Its location next to an existing protected property, Royalton Township Nature Trail, which will expand a valuable open space corridor in a developed area. These corridors, particularly ones like this that run adjacent to a river system, provide critical habitat for native plants and animals, promoting biodiversity and a healthy, balanced ecosystem.

The opportunity to open the property to the public, extending the existing trail system into the new preserve and providing a more expansive space where the community can enjoy the restorative benefits of nature.

"Land corridors like this one, especially those along river systems, are vital for supporting native plants and wildlife. They help maintain biodiversity, protect water quality, and contribute to a healthy, balanced ecosystem. Because this property sits next to the Royalton Township Nature Trail, it also creates exciting opportunities to expand public access—connecting more people to nature while strengthening habitat along the St. Joseph River," the release stated.

COL thanked the generosity of landowners Thomas and Eileen Chapman, who, by offering the land at a significantly reduced price, allowed the property to now be permanently protected and to remain natural and undeveloped for generations to come.

While the purchase is complete, COL is still seeking donations to support restoration, trail development, and long-term stewardship of the preserve. To donate, or for more information, visit www.chikamingopenland.org.

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From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

Finally, the football season is upon us.

After the Bears hired a new head coach and he hired assistants, they rebuilt their offensive line through trades, free agency and the draft, and drafted a tight end and wide receiver who figure to be immediate contributors.

The exhibition season begins August 10, when the Bears take on the Miami Dolphins in the first of three practice games.

Then, on Monday, September 8, the regular season begins with a Monday Night Game against the Minnesota Vikings.

All of the talk, both negative and positive, will be over and we all can see for ourselves if the massive changes the Bears made end up making them a playoff team, or at least put them on the road to the Super Bowl.

Yes, the Bears made a lot of personnel changes, but as far as I'm concerned, the biggest change was hiring Ben Johnson as their head coach.

Everything seemed to change after Johnson was hired. He walked into the team's headquarters and took charge. He said all the right things and immediately began working with Bears GM Ryan Poles and quarterback Caleb Williams, the two people who must excel in order for Johnson to achieve his and the teams ultimate goal, a Super Bowl victory.

His early work seems to have paid off, as Williams has said that he enjoys the tough coaching he is receiving and Poles went right out and bought the team an offensive line.

Then, when it seemed obvious to everyone that the team would draft a running back, they surprised us all by taking a tight end and a wide receiver with their first two picks and not choosing a running back until the seventh round.

Johnson had been the consensus top candidate for a head coaching job for the last two seasons.

Surprisingly, he stayed with the Detroit Lions as their offensive coordinator the first year, and then chose the Bears over at least a half dozen teams that wanted his services.

He was, and still is, considered an offensive genius. He has a strong personality, and doesn't settle for anything less than excellence. He hired assistants that were successful and had the same kind of passion for excellence.

The Bears were awful last year, losing ten of their last eleven games. The coach was fired, the offensive coordinator was fired, and there didn't seem to be any discipline or accountability.

While it may take a season or two, the Bears won't be undisciplined or lack accountability under Johnson. My belief is that Johnson has the fire of the last Chicago Super Bowl coach Mike Ditka, and the brains of Kansas City's Super Bowl coach Andy Reed. He's a family man, very poised and likable, and with a little bit of luck, could "own" Chicago. Good luck to you sir. Da Bears.

John Maxwell said, "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

I always think under par. You have to believe in yourself. *— Sergio Garcia*

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United States Golf Association honors Mike Keiser

CADDIE TO GOLF LEGEND

BY ALEXANDER FATOUROS

The golf world honored Mike Keiser with the United States Golf Association's (USGA) prestigious 2025 Bob Jones Award, a tribute to a man who shaped the game. A native of East Aurora, New York, and a caddie in his youth, Keiser's celebrated resorts now dot coastlines across the globe. But before these grand destinations, his vision took root in the pristine, windswept dunes of New Buffalo, Michigan, on the shores of Lake Michigan, where he summers.

Mike Keiser

It was here that Keiser established The Dunes Club, a private, nine-hole marvel built not for grandeur, but for the love of golf. This intimate course, embracing the land's natural contours and a demanding walk with your clubs—alongside a caddie—became the quiet proving ground for Keiser's enduring philosophy. His commitment to natural, unpretentious golf was forged in these Michigan sands, a philosophy deeply inspired by his own youth as a caddie. That early lesson in the game's true spirit would guide every course he developed.

Keiser and golf legend Bobby Jones? They're clearly on the same page about how golf should be played. Both were all about the pure game: a good walk through beautiful, natural landscapes, no fuss, just the challenge and beauty of the course. It's about honoring the game's spirit and sportsmanship.

It's a big deal for the USGA to present Keiser with an award traditionally reserved for golf's superstars. But it makes good sense. The USGA recognizes his influence extends beyond course design. Keiser democratized world-class golf, making it accessible to all through his resort-style destinations. This focus on inclusivity and a true love for the game, rather than exclusivity, echoes the very spirit of Bobby Jones himself.

From New Buffalo, Michigan, the blueprint for world-class, public-access golf emerged, culminating in destinations like Bandon Dunes in Oregon, and extending to other intriguing resort offerings in places like Barnbougle in Tasmania, Australia, and Cabot in Nova Scotia, Canada. Mike Keiser's journey, from a young caddie to a global trailblazer, exemplifies the character and respect for the game that the Bob Jones Award celebrates. His legacy is etched not just in the grand landscapes he transformed, but in the timeless values he brought back to the game, one natural, walkable hole at a time.

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Indulging in ice cream and cake for a good cause at 'Ice Cream Social'

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

After a one-year hiatus, the ice cream, cakes and camaraderie returned to Lakeside, Michigan, during The Lakeside Association's annual Ice Cream Social Saturday, Aug. 2.

"After the event was cancelled in 2024 because of road construction, and 2023 became a wet soggy gathering indoors due to an unexpected rainstorm, the association was happy to welcome 200-plus neighbors to cake and ice cream in the beautiful 75-degree weather in Lakeside Park," Sue Phelan, president of The Lakeside Association, said.

Guests purchased slices of cake that were donated by friends and neighbors and a scoop of ice cream that was supplied by Scoops of Bridgman as well as enjoyed live entertainment by singer and guitarist Lee Knitter from the School of American Music. Fishing poles in hand, children purchased tickets to try their hand at "fishing" for a toy in a 6-foot pond. A Lakeside tradition, the Fish Pond bears markings on the wooden frame of the structure that date back to 2001 and the message "Created with Love for the Kids of Lakeside."

As was tradition, members of The Rotary Club of Harbor Country were on hand to scoop ice cream. Representing the younger generation of volunteers, Jackson Rose was also scooping ice cream with the assistance of his sister, Lila, with grandfather and Rotary Club member Ben Parker nearby.

His mom, Joanna, said that Jackson had been helping at the event since he was 3 or 4 years old.

"He couldn't reach the ice cream, but he could eat it," she said.

Laura Jolly, the new president of The Rotary Club, said that the club enjoys the longstanding partnership with The Lakeside Association for the event.

"There's truly nothing better, especially in small communities like ours, than gathering as friends and neighbors to do some good together – and when there's ice cream involved, what's not to love?" she said.

Later in the evening, it was time for the main event: the Parade of Cakes, which wound through the crowd and toward the auction table. Led by auctioneer Fred Jolly, this year's auction included a line-up of decadent cakes: returning favorites, such as Sally Bogert's Calamondin cake, Susan Szymanski's New York Cheesecake and George Gormely's Coconut Layer Cake and new entries, such as Pam Fiebig's Hummingbird Cake and Jeannie Shim's Bete Noire flourless chocolate cake. In response to the hotly contested bids, the bakers of some cakes ended up offering to make a second - or third – version of their cakes.

The proceeds from the event support the work of the Lakeside Association and benefit its support of scholarships for River Valley High School graduates. Recipients of this year's scholarships are Makena Christ, Grant Schumm, Angelina York, Zen Farnum, Hannah Kryckya and Lydia Habel. The Lakeside Association also administers the Fox Family Scholarship and its winners this year were Makena Christ and Enrique Moerino Moreno Jr.

Phelan said that the "community participation and generosity was incredible." Calling it the "best ever by far," she said that this year's auction brought in over $6,000 for the association and for scholarships.

"We enjoy how long-time residents of the community can come together with newer residents for a good time and a good cause," Phelan said.

Ava Leibovitz tries her hand at fishing with dad Ben

Fred Jolly (right) leads the cake auction

Lee Knitter provides the live entertainment

The Parade of Cakes enters the park

Siblings Jackson and Lila Rose help scoop ice cream

The decadent cakes were displayed during the cake auction

Guests gather under the tent for ice cream

Dunes Summer Theatre to present 'Opposites Attract' next weekend

Dunes Arts Summer Theatre presents the fifth annual Dunes Broadway Cabaret and fourth main stage show of the summer season with "Opposites Attract," running one weekend only, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 15 - 17, at 288 Shady Oak Drive in Michiana Shores, Indiana.

"Opposites Attract" will be directed by Steve Scott, with music direction by Kaitlyn Leonard-White. The show features standout performers from the "She Loves Me" cast, Tristan Haberland, Skye Landess, Irene Lo, Tommy O'Brien, Khyel Roberson and Emmie Reigel, along with Dunes alum favorite Sheree Gudeman. Audiences can expect solos and duets from Broadway favorites including "The Last Five Years," "Little Shop of Horrors," "The Spitfire Grille," "Oklahoma," "Big Fish," "Shrek," "Avenue Q," "Waitress," "Cabaret," "Elf" and "Bonnie and Clyde."

"Our Broadway Cabaret has become a highly anticipated tradition at the Dunes, and this year's edition will explore the joys, fears and mysteries of improbable love matches," said Scott. "It's a wonderful way to end our 'Opposites Attract' season with some thrilling performances by Dunes company members past and present."

Showtimes are 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST) Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. CST (3 p.m. EST) Sunday. Bar and concessions open one hour prior to curtain. All shows take place at Dunes Summer Theatre.

For more information and to purchase individual tickets ($35), senior/student tickets ($30) or group tickets ($25 for four or more), visit dunesARTS.org or call 219-879-7509.

Pepe's Fork in the Road food truck will also be on site one hour before curtain and will be offering a menu that can be enjoyed on the patio before performances (or in the lobby or community room during inclement weather). — STAFF REPORTS

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OBITUARIES

Theresa Birute Campagna
1943-2025

Theresa Birute Campagna, 82, of Three Oaks, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, died peacefully, Thursday, July 31, 2025 in the comfort of her family's presence.

She is survived by her three children, Sam, Connie and Mary; and her sister Vida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her daughter Andrea.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.

Robert M. "Mitch" McGah
1955-2025

Mitch McGah, 69, a longtime resident of Michigan City, Indiana, passed away from complications from COPD on Monday, May 26, 2025.

He was born on July 4, 1955, in Oak Park, Illinois, to William J. McGah Jr. and Anne (Jackson) McGah.

He attended St. Giles School in Oak Park, River Forest Junior High in River Forest and graduated from Downers Grove North High School in Downers Grove in 1973. Growing up, he spent summers in Grand Beach, Michigan terrorizing the other residents on his Sting Ray bike with the other Mod Squad kids.

Mitch followed his brother into the steel industry where he spent 43 years in the flat rolled coil processing and distribution business, primarily in Portage and East Chicago, Indiana.

Since 2000, he enjoyed his 29' Searay Sundancer, The "Lite 'N Up" and his fellow boaters at 400 dock at the Washington Park Marina in Michigan City. His real love was the Chicago Bears and he was instrumental in starting the Sunday afternoon Bears tail gate parties at The St. Joe Club in Michigan City where he was a fixture for over 25 years.

Mitch considered everyone he met his friend, particularly his pals at Matey's Bar and Restaurant in Michigan City.

He is survived by his brother, Bill (Ann) of Olympia, WA; his sister, Anne (Tim) Bailey of Bonita Springs, FL; step daughter, Daniele Zamola of Issaquah, WA; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mitch is preceded in death by his parents, Judge William J. McGah Jr. and Anne Jackson McGah Hester.

A visitation celebrating Mitch's life will be held from 9:45 a.m. until time of mass at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Notre Dame Catholic Church, 1005 Moore Road, Michigan City, Indiana with Rev. Jordan Fetcko officiating.

The Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel, Michigan City, IN is handling the arrangements.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Robert "Mitch" McGah, please visit their floral store.

Joshua J. "Josh" Ramsey
1994-2025

Joshua J. "Josh" Ramsey, 30, formerly of New Buffalo, passed away on August 1, 2025, at his home in North Liberty, IN. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sommerfeld Chapel & Cremation Services. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, August 8, at 12 PM at Sommerfeld Chapel, 15 N. Barton St., New Buffalo, with Pastor Vic Prietto officiating. Burial will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to The National Park Foundation. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.sommerfeldchapel.com.

Born on December 11, 1994, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Josh was the cherished son of Jeffery Ramsey and Lisa Jackson. He graduated from New Buffalo High School in 2014 and went on to build a dedicated career at MonoSol Manufacturing's Duneland Facility in Portage, Indiana. A proud member of the Union Teamsters Local 142, Josh brought a strong work ethic and integrity to everything he did.

Josh had a deep love for the outdoors. Whether he was on his motorcycle, hunting, fishing, or kayaking, nature brought him peace and joy. At home, he took pride in his small homestead, where he raised chickens. He was also an avid collector of arrowheads and vintage glass bottles — always seeking beauty in history and the world around him. Above all, he treasured time with his family, especially his beloved nephews, who looked up to him with admiration. His Christian faith was a guiding light in his life, and he lived it proudly and openly.

Josh is survived by his father, Jeffery (Bonnie) Ramsey; siblings, Kim (Mike) Pope of New Buffalo, Christina Vaughn of Elkhart, Amanda Ramsey of New Buffalo, Jessica (Brandon) Pagels of Michigan City, IN, Nathan (Marisa) Ramsey of Muskegon, April (Kyle) Riordan of New Buffalo, Joseph Nolan of Bourbonnais, IL, and Katie Kriner of Kalamazoo; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; and beloved four-legged children, Bob & Brutus. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lisa Jackson; brother, Mathew Ramsey; and grandparents, Robert & Barbara Ramsey, Joseph Jackson, and Nellie Hernandez.

Marion Eisendrath Rosenbluth
1928-2025

Marion Eisendrath Rosenbluth, 97, of Chicago died peacefully on July 27, 2025, surrounded by her family.

She was born April 4, 1928, in Chicago, to Louise Sulzberger Eisendrath and Edwin W. Eisendrath. A lifelong Chicagoan, Marion and her brother Edwin W. Eisendrath Jr. grew up in the Lakeview neighborhood in a house filled with music and culture. Her large family is woven into the fabric of the city and includes many business and civic leaders.

In 1950 she married Paul R. Rosenbluth, a prominent neurosurgeon. They had five

children.

Raconteur, reader, teacher and world traveler, she led a full life. In addition to raising her children, she was drawn to the world of ideas and psychology. Marion attended Francis W. Parker School, as did her father, her children, and many grandchildren. She received a BA degree from her beloved Harvard University (then Radcliffe), a Master's degree in social work from Catholic University of America and, after a long hiatus from the halls of academia, at 57 years old she earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in psychiatric social work. She maintained a private practice and taught aspiring social workers as an adjunct professor at Loyola University of Chicago.

Deeply committed to public service, Marion was involved with numerous organizations, including the Radcliffe Club of Chicago, the Institute of Psychiatry, the Asher Center for the Study and Treatment of Depression Disorders, and on various civic boards, including the University of Chicago Women's Board, Dwight Women's Correctional Facility Advisory Board, and the Yale University Child Study Center. She passionately supported the arts and progressive social causes.

Always a voracious reader and keen intellect, Marion was particularly drawn to historical fiction and was an engaging partner in discussions ranging from Victorian England, the New Deal, Freudian theory to current politics. Her quick wit and sense of humor made her an excellent dinner companion. She cultivated a group of friends of all ages whom she phoned at dawn and met daily for pancakes and a bottomless cup of coffee.

Forging lifelong connections, Marion treasured adventures with her family and the "tough old birds," an intrepid flock of friends with whom she hiked and traveled. She was among the first westerners to visit China when it opened its doors to the outside world. She rode camels in Egypt, explored ancient ruins in Europe, and ventured to Alaska with family and friends. When her husband was stationed in Korea in 1952, she moved for a year to Japan with her eldest child in tow. In the 1960's, she became a skiing and hiking enthusiast and developed a circle of friends in Aspen, Colorado where she had a home and spent many happy days.

Marion had an intense curiosity and joie de vivre that delivered a life filled with interesting people and experiences. She loved social gatherings and brought her boundless energy, curiosity, and humor to every room she entered. A questionable cook, she loved to entertain in her eclectic and elegant home, where friends and family could look forward to excellent conversation, mystery meat and over-steamed vegetables. Somewhere she is having an early breakfast, flirting with the waiter, sipping an endless stream of coffee, and feeding a small piece of toast to her beloved dachshund, Momo.

Marion was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She is survived by her five children, Daniel (Karla) Rosenbluth, Jane (David) Baldwin, Thomas (Vicki) Rosenbluth, James (Allegra Di Bonaventura) Rosenbluth and Catherine "Kitty" (David) Rothschild and sixteen grandchildren; Angela Allen, Jennifer Solbach, Adrianne Rosenbluth, Sam Baldwin, Charlie Baldwin, Jesse Rosenbluth, Jake Rosenbluth, Tommy Rosenbluth, Ben Rosenbluth, John Rosenbluth, Will Rosenbluth, Andrew Hogan, Aless Hogan, Nathan Rothschild, Julian Rothschild and Gabriel Rothschild; three great grandchildren, Lucy, Gene, Josie and one on the way.

A celebration of her life is planned for the fall.

To honor her memory, please consider a contribution to Francis W. Parker School of Chicago, or a charity of your choice.

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Let's create a shared gallery of light — a reminder that the sun's setting is not an ending, but part of the rhythm we all live by. — KRISTIN FATOUROS

Three Oaks Jazz Fest is coming next month

Tickets are now on sale for the School of American Music's inaugural Jazz Fest, which is coming to Three Oaks Friday through Sunday, Sept. 12–14.

This inaugural event will honor the legacy of the late Garth Taylor, founder of the School of American Music, whose dream was to bring a world-class jazz festival to the heart of Three Oaks.

Each day of the festival will feature a unique headlining performance, curated to highlight the rich diversity and emotional depth of jazz, from powerhouse vocalists and genre-defying ensembles to intimate brunch performances.

Tickets are available at https://acornlive.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket. For updated information, visit www.schoolofamericanmusic.com or facebook.com/schoolofamericanmusic.

The weekend will feature the following lineup:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

Martha Cares at The Acorn Theater

Cares will open for Lynne Jordan & The Shivers, with the showtime at 8 p.m. She's perhaps best known for singing over 1,000 performances in the national Broadway production of "The Phantom of the Opera," directed by the legendary theater director and producer Harold Prince.

Cares is Grand Prize winner of the International Bel Canto Opera Competition and the International Friedrich Schorr Opera Competition. She has graced the stages as soloist with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Grant Park Music Festival, Florida Grand Opera, Chicago Opera Theatre, Miami Chamber Opera and Milwaukee Opera Company, to name a few, and she has appeared as soloist with the Tulsa Philharmonic, Miami Chamber Symphony and the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra.

Internationally, Cares has performed in Europe through the auspices of the International Bel Canto Foundation. She is honored to have earned her place among the distinguished roster of artists comprising the prestigious Lyric Opera Center for American Artists, the Ryan Opera Center.

Care's voice has been heard in numerous nationally televised commercials highlighted by McDonald's "I'm Lovin'It!" and Clio Award winning Cheer and United Airlines campaigns. She was chosen by the Hal Leonard Corporation as solo recording artist for numerous commercial releases encompassing Musical Theater Classics, Contemporary Musical Theater, Jazz, Classical and the Great American Songbook.

Lynne Jordan & The Shivers at The Acorn Theater – 8 p.m.

Beloved Chicago performer Lynne Jordan will kick off the festival with her band The Shivers, delivering an unforgettable night of jazz, blues, funk, and soul. Known for her explosive stage presence and powerhouse vocals, Jordan's performances have earned her a cult following at legendary venues like the Green Mill and City Winery. With roots in gospel and cabaret, she weaves storytelling and raw emotion into every note, setting the tone for a soulful weekend ahead. Tickets start at $45.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Steven Hashimoto Quartet at The Vickers Theatre– 8 p.m.

Longtime bassist and Chicago music legend Steven Hashimoto will take the stage with a dynamic quartet. Known for his work with adventurous jazz and rock groups such as Maestro Subgum & The Whole and Flippomusic GlobalJazz, Hashimoto blends tradition and experimentation. A veteran of the Green Mill's After-Hours Jam and leader of numerous ensembles, Hashimoto brings deep experience, groove, and a distinctive Chicago edge to the festival lineup. Tickets start at $45.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

Jeanne Franks & Jazz Brunch at Commune + Market – 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The festival will close with a stylish Jazz Brunch featuring vocalist Franks, whose polished delivery of American jazz standards will provide the perfect soundtrack for a relaxed Sunday gathering. Guests will enjoy live music alongside curated brunch offerings, mimosas and Bloody Marys at Commune + Market, Three Oaks' artisan hub for food, art and community. Tickets are $55 per person. — STAFF REPORTS

A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

From the Root to the Fruit

As the postponed trip to Cleveland loomed, I'd written two Care Bears scripts that were put into production. Five more scripts — two from Howard and three from outside writers — had been completed.

But something was troubling me. It hit me as I drove to work on Monday morning. I stopped at a red light alongside a woman in a minivan. The passenger seat and two back rows were packed with happy, frolicking children. As the light changed and the woman turned left and I turned right, the problem dawned on me.

I was writing scripts, story editing, constructing a career. But I was building my house on sand. I'd watched my share of cartoons over the years and done research on how the children's television business operated. But I didn't know my 'end users' well enough. I didn't know children well enough.

Late in the afternoon, I walked into Lori's office and said I needed to leave early. Lori looked up from a script and asked, "Where are you headed?"

I answered, "Toys R Us."

What I learned about children cruising Toys R Us' aisles would pay unimaginable dividends when I much later became a father. Nineteen years after my 1984-first-year working at DIC, Kim and I lived in a penthouse in Kansas City. Alex, our first born child, was four. He loved toys; all kinds of toys – race cars, dinosaurs, stuffed animals, but most of all, knights. He had a collection of action figure knights he loved playing with.

One night I walked along the hallway from my home office to check on Alex in his nursery. It was a cheerful nursery with a firetruck bed that Alex slept in. As I neared his bedroom, I heard him having a conversation, two knights in battle: "Get out of my way! I'm going into the castle!" "Never! I'll protect my queen!"

I lingered near the doorway, hearing Alex mimicking clanging swords. I peered into the room to see him in his bed, index fingers on each hand extended like swords.

There are a few critical moments in a child's life when a parent finds himself at a crossroad where they can have a huge influence on a child's development. I was at such a crossroad on that night.

I realized I could snap "Stop that playing and go to sleep!" My body convulsed, thinking of the damage that would do to his creativity and the embarrassment the invasion of privacy could do to his psyche. I stepped into the room and softly said, "Alex...?"

He whirled to me, quickly lowering his hands. I walked toward his firetruck bed, softly saying, "Don't stop." When he tilted his head in question, I lowered to him and whispered, "I played the same way when I was a boy." I felt my throat tightening. "Play-acting is so good for you. It helps your brain to grow." I stroked his impossibly soft flaxen hair. In the darkness I had to force my choked words out. "Don't...ever...stop."

Voice quivering, Alex said, "Oh... Daddy..." He sat up, reached out and we embraced, holding each other for a long time, tears of joy and gratitude and love flowing...and I thanked my God for letting me learn about 'play patterns' and their importance oh so... oh so many, many years ago... in Toys R Us' aisles.

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AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

You may feel pulled between work, family, and your own personal needs this week. There is the possibility of an emotional clash of wills that could change many things in the domestic sphere. Perhaps some past relationship feelings have been re-awakened.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

Firmly plant yourself in your roots and utilize your core strength to move away from toxic people and situations. Do not get caught up in gossip or negative projections. Surrounding yourself with positive people and doing things that make you feel strong help to protect your energy field.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

Expect to receive some very good news this week. Networking is the key now. Interact with as many people as possible. Utilize spiritual and psychic energy to put you in the right place at the right time. Look for the little sparkle and trust that you will know what to keep and what to let go.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

Avoid co-dependent tendencies and enabling behavior this week. There is a power struggle happening here between your needs and what others think you need to give to them. You are moving to a breaking point and will feel like rebelling against anyone or anything that tries to hold you back.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

There is a certain element in your life that is making things unclear and foggy. People may not be totally honest with you now or you may be second guessing your own personal truths. The important thing to remember is that doubt is there to make us look deeper into situations. Take time to really see.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

It is important you let go of power struggles and domestic dramas. Make a promise to yourself right now that you will let it go and just enjoy the rest of the summer. That means moving out of your social comfort zone and start the party hopping already! Stop with the boring chores and live life!

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Seize the moment! The opportunity to land that prestigious job, get that big raise, or move up the career ladder is here. Don't be afraid to really go for it now. Spread those wings and fly baby. The possibilities are at their highest now. You can also expect to feel a cosmic blessing and connection.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

There could be some painful memories creeping in this week. This is because you haven't truly let them go. You have the opportunity now to release the past that is keeping you from moving into a new relationship. Let the energy shift from the past to the future and go easy on yourself.

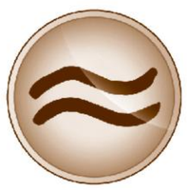
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

You are entering a time of joint ventures where you will find yourself ready to make a deeper commitment. It is time to come to terms with your need for someone special. There is a lot to be said for relationships and accepting your desire for a true connection is a good place to start.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Expect to have some female centered issues come up this week. Mom may be calling asking about your love-life, or your Mother-in-law may show up unexpectedly, or your daughter may declare she hates you. Be prepared to bite your tongue and roll with the punches. Just smile more.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



The desire to find a soul-mate or just someone who understands you better can be strong this week. You want a deeper connection and to have a deeper level of communication. Turn this energy inward and take better care of your health and stay away from people that lower your expectations.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

You will be feeling a nice boost of energy this week. Utilize this extra go power by cleaning out the closet that the door won't shut on or maybe organize that basement you can barely walk thru, or better yet use this extra energy to set clearer boundaries at home and be firmer with pushy relatives.

Human behavior flows from three main sources: desire, emotion, and knowledge. — *Plato*

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1 Southeast by south (abbr.)
5 Brawl
9 Army service number (abbr.)
12 Played Hawkeye
13 Information (abbr.)
14 Portuguese coin
15 Nothing (Fr.)
16 Definitions (abbr.)
17 Automatic gain control (abbr.)
18 Afr. bowstring hemp
20 Antelope
22 Furniture wheel
25 Small Island (Brit.)
26 Frank _____ Wright, architect
27 Sympathy
31 Above (contr.)
32 Police (abbr.)
33 Be sorry
34 Enthusiasm
37 Non-PC computer brand
39 Dept. of Motor Vehicles (abbr.)
40 Slender
41 Polite address
44 Noun-forming (suf.)
45 Full of (suf.)
46 Hindustani language
48 This (Lat.)
52 Air traffic control (abbr.)
53 No (Ger.)
54 Woody's son
55 "Blue Eagle"
56 Compile
57 Attention getting sound

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1 Sons of the American Revolution
2 Hebrew judge
3 Brigade (abbr.)
4 Good mental health
5 Addition to a bill
6 Feminine (suf.)
7 Freeway exit lane
8 Send (2 words)
9 Asiatic nomad
10 Edible bulb
11 Dent
19 Nourished
21 Estimated time of arrival (abbr.)
22 Hoofbeat
23 Title of Athena
24 Divination by lots (Lat.)
27 Age
28 School course (abbr.)
29 Gigantic
30 Vintage
32 Sheltered
35 Seventh Day Adventists (abbr.)
36 Not susceptible
37 Air (pref.)
38 Perhaps
40 Rise
41 Cry
42 Star (pref.)
43 Ten (pref.)
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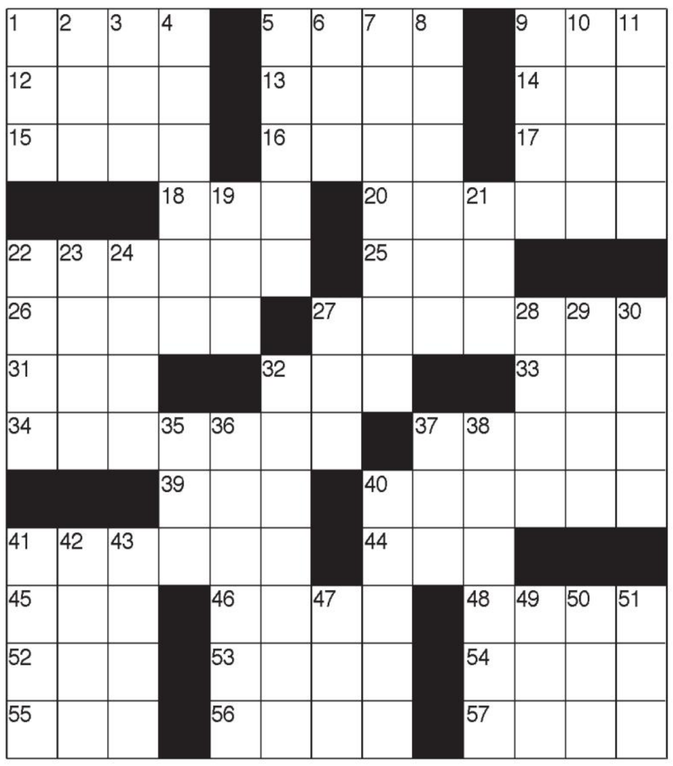
50 Loop trains
51 Folding bed



Harbor Country Mission offering supplies to teachers, homeschool parents and students

In a generous show of support for educators and learners, Harbor Country Mission in Bridgman, Michigan, is offering unlimited free items to local teachers, homeschool parents and students in their Back-to-School event now through Sunday, August 10.

This initiative aims to ensure that every classroom and learning environment is set up for success as the new school year approaches.

From books and classroom supplies to educational materials and other essentials, visitors may select as many items as they need—completely free of charge—during regular operating hours at Harbor Country Mission. Teachers from public and private schools, as well as homeschooling families and students of all ages, are encouraged to take advantage of this special event.

"We believe that investing in education begins with supporting those on the front lines—teachers, parents, and students," said David Yardley, director of marketing for Harbor Country Mission. "No student should start the year without the resources they need, and no teacher should have to reach into their own pocket for supplies."

Yardley also encourages donors to drop off school and other office related supplies that they no longer use for this special Back to School event.

This event underscores Harbor Country Mission's ongoing commitment to serving the Southwestern Michigan and Northwest Indiana community.

Harbor Country Mission is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and is located at 9600 Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman.

For the most current information, updates and sales, please visit their META/facebook page at www.facebook.com/harborcountrymission.

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MSG – A SILENT KILLER

MSG, or monosodium glutamate -- is a multi-million-dollar industry. It is the most widely used flavor enhancer in the world. MSG and MSG-containing substances are used in processed food, in fast foods, packaged foods, and in Chinese food to enhance the flavor. It is also found in many canned and frozen foods.

MSG is an "ANTI-appetite suppressant". It's a scientific way to keep consumers coming back for more. Your blood sugar drops because of the insulin flood. And you are hungry an hour later. Sound familiar? Can't eat just one? Wonder why you love those packaged chips, nachos, etc.? You are being chemically programmed to keep eating.

It is even in many baby foods, disguised by some of its other deceiving names.

By the way, these other "names" sound healthy in the ingredients! A marketing scam that the FDA allows. Yep, it is not to our best health interest, but in the name of profit. Keep eating it, more sales. Keep eating it, more health problems.

MSG that we find on store shelves is processed. Due to this kind of processing, it can cause many adverse reactions, including skin rashes, itching, hives, nausea, vomiting, migraine headaches, asthma, heart irregularities, nervous system disorders depression, anxiety, brain fog and even seizures.

MSG has been confirmed to cause obesity and liver disease. Here are some other symptoms that have been well documented.

Burning sensation in the back of the neck, forearms and chest, Numbness in the back of the neck, radiating to the arms and back. Tingling, warmth and weakness in the face, temples, upper back, neck and arms. Facial pressure or tightness. Chest pain, nausea, rapid heartbeat, bronchospasm (difficulty breathing) drowsiness, giddiness, weakness.

MSG affects nearly everyone because it causes a spike in glutamic acid, which is used throughout the body as a neurotransmitter.

Also, the hair cells of the ear use glutamate as a neurotransmitter, so over stimulation of these cells can result in ringing in the ears (also tinnitus or vertigo).

MSG is known to cross the blood brain barrier to damage brain cells, especially in infants. Research has also shown that MSG can cause sterility in female animals.

Most fast foods and packaged foods contain enough MSG to cause some type of reaction in almost everyone.

The western medical world treats symptoms, not the root cause of most problems. So instead of telling you to check your labels, you will most likely be prescribed a drug for the tinnitus, or chronic headache, anxiety, heart irregularities, etc.

Maybe your illness or health issues are just MSG ingestion. Check your labels for any of the following names. Cut these out of your diet and you will probably see some positive health changes, and negative symptoms subsiding.

Read all of your labels. For the Health of it. It is to your health advantage to get this deadly chemical out of your diet. Due to its addicting nature, it can be difficult to get it out of your diet, but you are worth it. Google "disguised names of MSG.

PET OF THE WEEK

TIPSY

Tipsy is dainty, playful, gentle, laid back, and is very loving. Her big green eyes and her little face make her precious. She is almost two-years-old, spayed, and her vaccinations are up-to-date. Tipsy may be named "tipsy" because she likes to play in her water bowl. If you want her undivided attention, she loves dangly toys and laser pointers. She is very comfortable home with other cats, and dogs. Make Tipsy part of your home.

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A view of Rocco's Tavern on Franklin Street

Chef Joe Farina with general manager Bobby Faraci

Rocco's Tavern boasts American tavern-style cuisine

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Renowned chef Joe Farina said he wanted to open a new kind of dining establishment in Michigan City, Indiana.

"I wanted to do something different around here that no one has – I wanted to do tavern food," he said.

Joe and his wife, Yvonne, are no strangers to the area's cuisine scene: Farina's Supper Club, which boasts Italian American cuisine, opened around five years ago in Michigan City; Café Farina, which is located in the city's Franklin Street Commercial Historic District and Belly Flop, which features bagels, donuts from Do Right in Chicago and sandwiches in Long Beach, Indiana.

Now, they've added another establishment to the Farina restaurant group: Rocco's Tavern, which is located at 827 Franklin Street and next to Café Farina.

Joe said that the restaurant is named after their their dog, Mr. Rocky, who passed away at the age of 18 in May. After months of delays, Rocco's finally opened its doors this past spring.

"He waited to die until I opened this place," Joe said.

Hanging on one of the exposed brick walls of Rocco's is a picture of 14-year-old Apollo, the other beloved dog in the Farina household. The picture can be spotted amongst other artwork and memorabilia, which adorns both the restaurant's walls: a picture of the late celebrated chef, author and TV personality Anthony Boudoir; a 1980s mugshot from Axl Rose's pre-fame days and a "Shh…" Vegas sign ("What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas").

"I've been saving these pictures for 10 years probably – maybe 20 for some of them – and I finally figured out what I was going to do with them," Joe said.

Adding to the casual, yet elegant, décor are the red pendant lights that hang from the tin ceiling above. Guests can hop on one of the upholstered bar stools in the bar area, which features a blend of rich wood accents and a sleek bar top, or on a dining chair outside or at one of the indoor tables, which are laden with white tablecloths and candles. Once seated, guests can open a menu that features an array of American Classic favorites and drinks and wine.

"We have great seafood, we have a great burger selection - I would put it up against anyone around here – steaks and chops, a great cocktail program, lots of different bourbon, which is really hard to get right now and a great wine selection," Joe said.

The wine selection, which fills the entire back of the menu, was put together by Yvonne, who's a certified sommelier.

Served every day at any time of the day, the Five O'clock Special features the Spicy Caesar salad, truffle fries and Tito's Dirty Martini.

Another fun menu feature is the seafood tower: Diners can start with a couple of Jumbo Shrimp, some East Coast oysters, along with the lobster tails and some other fish if they choose.

"The seafood towers are quite interesting and different being in Michigan City and readily available – I think that's been a really fun thing for the neighborhood," Yvonne said.

Two green street signs bearing the names N. Rush St. and E. Bellevue Pl. are attached to one of the walls. Having been a chef for 35 years, "or maybe longer," Joe started working at Carmine's Chicago on Rush Street and was the executive corporate chef for the Rosebud Restaurants. After working for them for 20 years, he co-founded Chicago's Victory Restaurant Group.

Joining him at Rocco's is general manager Bobby Faraci, who's been with Joe for 20 years, and chef Adan Benitez, who's the chef for all the dining establishments.

Yvonne has held numerous roles in the hospitality industry, working with some of the most renowned names in the Chicago restaurant scene and "was the forefront of operations at many iconic and prestigious restaurants," per Farina's Supper Club's website.

Now, the couple is happy to call Michigan City home.

"They're really doing a lot on Franklin Street and making it nice – the mayor here (Mayor Angie Nelson Deuitch) is fantastic," Joe said.

Yvonne said she's also been pleased with adding another restaurant to Franklin Street.

"We just had fun putting it together – it's just been a fun little location," she said.

Rocco's Tavern is open from 4-9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. More information can be found at www.roccos-tavern.com.

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